

(e) the number of pending applications?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) 107 acres 5 guntas in Manjarabad talak. Nil in Belur taluk.

(b) 68.

(c) Number of grantees: 32

Extent granted: 98 acres 14 guntas.

(d) 36. On account of insufficiency of gomal.

(e) 30.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—You have kindly stated that 107 acres 5 guntas is the total extent of land under Coffee and Cardamom. Is the land fit for Coffee cultivation or is it an ordinary darkhast gomal land?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—With regard to grant of coffee lands, in the beginning the grant is subject to ordinary darkhast rules. After they secure the necessary permission from the Coffee Board, that will be converted into coffee tenure.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—You have been kind enough to tell us that 32 persons have been granted lands of the total area of 98 acres 14 guntas. Is it coffee land or ordinary gomal land fit for coffee cultivation?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—It is ordinary waste land fit for coffee cultivation. Generally, waste and gomal lands are granted for coffee cultivation and in some cases forest lands.

Repairs to Wellesly and Paschimavahini Bridges.

*Q.—312. **Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF** (Broadway).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Wellesly Bridge at Srirangapatna and the one close to Paschimavahini are notified as weak bridges;

(b) whether they will take immediate steps to effect repairs in view of the heavy vehicular traffic on these bridges?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) These bridges are considered as weak bridges and necessary caution boards in regard to speed limits and one way traffic have been provided to ensure safety.

(b) An estimate for constructing a new bridge in place of the Wellesly bridge has been recently approved administratively and work is being taken up shortly. Investigations for a new bridge in lieu of the other one are yet to be made.

Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF.—With regard to the action taken, will it be enough to ensure the safety of these bridges?

†**Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR** (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—Government have taken all necessary steps in this regard. At present we are going to have a new bridge in place of the Wellesly bridge. The foundation for the said bridge has been laid and estimates for the same have been got and a sum of Rs. 50,000 is also provided in the current year's budget.

Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF.—May I know what steps have been taken to build a new bridge in place of Paschimavahini?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—According to the Motor Vehicles Act this bridge is still fit for use. However, Government are taking all steps to have it surveyed. There are plans and estimates in respect of both the bridges and steps will be taken to have them finalised soon.

Sri S. D. GAONKAR.—Let alone the repairs of the bridges, are the Government aware that even the caution boards and speed limit boards require some kind of repairs?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The boards are perfectly neat and tidy.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Since how many years were these boards repaired?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—These are minor details and I do not have the information.